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### **NEWS RELEASE**

## **MAYOR VISITS NEW POLICE RECRUITS AT POLICE ACADEMY**

Earlier today, Reading Mayor Vaughn Spencer visited the Reading Police Academy at Alvernia University. The Mayor was present for roll call of all the police recruits, and then visited a classroom full of recruits that upon graduation will join the Reading Police Department. "We're really looking forward to you completing the Academy and becoming members of the Reading Police Department," said Mayor Spencer. "There are a lot of good people in the city of Reading who are looking forward to you being able to provide safe streets and neighborhoods for them," he added.

There are 19 recruits who will join the Reading Police Department after successfully graduating from the Academy on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are receiving 20 weeks of training which includes eight hours a day of class work as well as one hour of Physical Training, three days a week. "We have a diverse class here: a 56 year-old woman, a Spanish woman and a Black male," said Police Academy Director Lieutenant Scott Weidner. "It's a long, hard 20 weeks, an endurance test basically," he continued, "and they will be on the street by summer, when we can really use them." After a brief tour of facility, The Mayor thanked the recruits for their desire to serve the City of Reading and pledged to support them when they do join the force: "I just want you to know that I, as Mayor, along with City Council am here to support you, whatever you need. I feel that you are going to represent us well. I look forward to swearing you in and working with you."

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